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REMARKS

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1. On 12 March 1953, no change was observed in the occupation of the Albrechts Kaserne and the Wilhelms Kaserne in Vienna. [redacted] was seen in the separate section of the Albrechts Kaserne. Trucks [redacted] and [redacted] were parked at the Wilhelms Kaserne.¹

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2. On 12 March, most officers and EM leaving or entering the barracks installation in Kagran (P 49/X 49) wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia and motor transport or signal insignia. Some soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets. The highest rank observed was a colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Vehicles observed in the installation included 8 JS-3 tanks and 17 trucks. One JS-3 tank and 1 JSU-249 were standing in the ditch between the installation and the athletic field. A group of vehicles led by a senior lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia left the installation. The vehicles included 1 armored scout car [redacted] 2 armored personnel carriers with two AA machine guns each, one of the carriers [redacted] and trucks [redacted] All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Six trucks with six AA machine guns and 5 other trucks were observed in the AAA section of the installation. Vehicles standing at the fuel dump included 14 tank trucks and 1 tank trailer.¹

3. On 10 March, 6 rocket launchers, about 14 trucks and 2 tank trucks were observed at the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg (P 49/X 89). There was no personnel or vehicle traffic at the installation. Only little activity was seen in the yard of the former Pionier Kaserne.²

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4. On 9 March, no personnel or vehicle traffic was observed at the Pionier Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (P 49/S 30). The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. About 800 troops fell in in the yard of the Pionier Kaserne from where funeral music was heard. Jeep [redacted] left the northwestern gate of the installation which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. At least eight tank trucks were parked at the fuel dump of the former Pionierzeugamt.³

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25X1 5. On 17 March, vehicles observed at the buildings on Theaterplatz and
 25X1 Stalinring in Baden (O 49/X 37) included: sedans [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] with drivers
 25X1 wearing red-bordered black epaulets; sedan [redacted] driven by a
 25X1 soldier with black-bordered red epaulets; and sedans [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] with civilian drivers. Vehicles seen at
 25X1 the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos (O 48/X 36) included
 25X1 trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered
 25X1 black epaulets, and truck [redacted] Two majors with black-bordered
 25X1 black epaulets entered Doblhof Castle which was guarded by a sentry
 25X1 with black-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted]
 25X1 driven by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets, left the instal-
 25X1 lation. [redacted] were parked in front of
 25X1 the building on the intersection of Weilburg Strasse and Sauerhof
 25X1 Gasse. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black
 25X1 epaulets.⁴

25X1 6. On 19 March, motor vehicles seen at the former Bundesgewerbeschule in
 25X1 Moedling (O 49/X 37) included: sedan [redacted] driven by a civilian;
 25X1 truck [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets; and
 25X1 sedans [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] all vehicles driven
 25X1 by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep [redacted] was
 25X1 parked in front of the Hyrtl Orphanage. A group of 38 unarmed soldiers
 25X1 with red-bordered black epaulets did close-order drill in the yard of
 25X1 the installation. Four soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets
 25X1 were observed reeling up telephone cables.⁴

25X1 7. On 19 March, sedans [redacted] were parked
 25X1 in front of the Austria Brewery in Wiener Neudorf (P 49/X 37). The
 25X1 vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.⁵

25X1 [redacted] Comment. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] There is no change in the occupation of the
 25X1 barracks installations.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. The observation of six rocket launchers at the
 25X1 former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg indicates that the battalion
 25X1 had returned to its home station. On 19 February 1953, the battalion
 25X1 left Hainburg probably for firing practices or field exercises.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. The memorial service observed at the Pionier Kaserne
 25X1 in Klosterneuburg was probably held on the occasion of Stalin's
 25X1 death.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. Most of the [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] belong to the H₃ Central Group of Forces and units directly
 25X1 subordinate to this headquarters. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] Truck [redacted] observed in front of the building
 25X1 on the intersection of Weilburg Strasse and Sauerhof Gasse in Baden

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25X1 belonged to the 23rd AAA Div. [] standing in the yard of
25X1 the Hyrtl Orphanage in Moedling belonged to the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

[] Comment. Two of the vehicles parked in front of the Austria
Brewery belonged to the 13th Gds Mecz Div, and the third vehicle to
the Central Group of Forces. The installation houses the depot of
the PX centre of the commercial department of the Central Group of
Forces.

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